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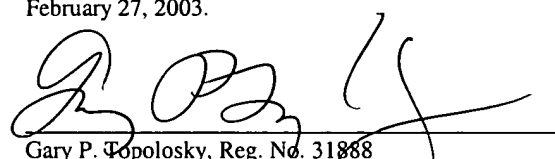
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Ralph R. Sawtell et al. ) Group Art Unit 1742  
Serial No. 09/916,350 )  
Confirmation No. 7564 )  
Filed July 30, 2001 ) Alcoa Docket 00-1684  
For Alloy Composition for Making Blister- )  
Free Aluminum Forgings and Parts )  
Made Therefrom )

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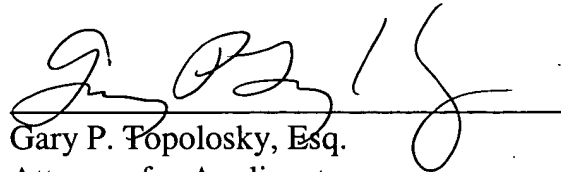
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